

House Resolution 689

By: Representatives Wilkinson of the 52nd, Stephens of the 164th, and Murphy of the 23rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Honorable Michael Bates, OBE, Her Majesty's Consul
2 General; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Michael Charles Bates was appointed Her Majesty's Consul General in Atlanta
4 in June, 2001; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Bates was previously the British Deputy High Commissioner in Mumbai,
6 India; and

7 WHEREAS, except for his service as Assistant Press Secretary to Prime Minister Thatcher,
8 Mr. Bates has spent his entire career in the British Diplomatic Service; and

9 WHEREAS, he entered the Foreign Service in 1966 and since then he has served in New
10 Delhi, Moscow, Singapore, Brussels, Riga, and Bratislava, where he was Charge d'Affaires
11 and later Ambassador; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Bates was awarded the OBE in 1994 for his contributions to the Diplomatic
13 Service.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
15 the members of this body recognize and commend Consul General Michael Bates for his
16 service to the people of Georgia and extend to him their best wishes upon his retirement from
17 the British Diplomatic Service.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
19 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Honorable Michael Bates.